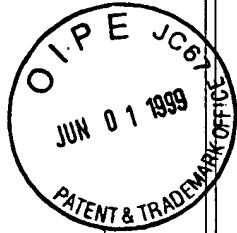


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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/156,580

Filed: September 18, 1998

For: METHOD FOR SHORTENING  
INTERNODE OF INFLORESCENCE BY  
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Art Unit: 1649

PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH  
EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorneys, hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents for a one-month extension of time from May 5, 1999 to June 5, 1999 in which to respond to the Office Action mailed April 5, 1999. An appropriate response in the form of a Communication Under 37 CFR 1.821-1.825 with sequence diskette accompanies this petition.

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee of \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please also charge any additional

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fees remaining or credit any overpayment in this application to the aforementioned deposit account. This Petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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